



Bentley

1955

Wishing you the
best of luck in the
world and all your
dreams come true. I
hope you stay as sweet as
you are.
Always
Mary Casati

Good luck
and the best
of everything to a
sweet guy.
Elizabeth
Borden

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FOREWORD

"Choose always the way that is right, no matter how rough it may be," The senior motto is a challenge for all of us to be courageous and enterprising as we walk the paths we choose. Here in the 1955 Bengal we have placed the memories you won't want to lose. We want to thank all of those who have helped us with the yearbook and all we want you to do now is sit back, laugh and enjoy it, as you look.

The Bengal Staff

Patti Clifford



DEDICATION



Miss Wilkey has worked with our staff faithfully for four years. Her enthusiasm and interest has made it possible for us to put out the annual every year. She taught us how to work together successfully.

We, the Bengal Staff of 1955, are proud and happy to dedicate this annual to our sponsor, Miss Betty Wilkey.

STUDENT COUNCIL



OFFICERS: Martha Starck-vice-president, Jane Hollon-secretary, Gilbert Dominguez-president, Ofelia Galvan-treasurer, Oscar Hinojosa-reporter, Lou Anne Langford-parliamentarian.

The Student Council has taken a very active part in school this year. They sponsored the annual Operation Citizenship and helped the March of Dimes by auctioning box lunches. Some very enjoyable exchange programs were presented by Raymondville and McAllen. This year the Student Council added representatives from the various clubs to the council. Student Council members attended conventions at Alice and McAllen.



GILBERT DOMINGUEZ -
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Jane, keep your eye on the students!



Mrs. Rushton, Mrs. Parrish and
Mrs. Helfrick take time out.



Look at those debaters work!



They are not jail breakers - Artists!



Four sweet freshmen.
Clydell, Beverly, Barbara
Marie



Initiation of the new
Z. E. S. members



A typical day at school.



Miss Whatley and Mrs. Goza look on.



Rosemary is working for us.



"It's indecent!" Bob says.



Seniors at work.



Trio at a tea.



Our little girl Cheerleaders. Notice baby "E".



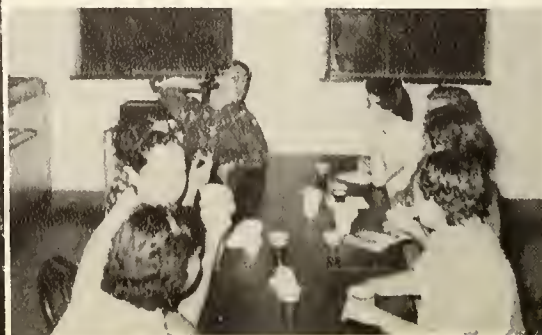
The Junior Degrees are awarded at F.H.A. Tea.



Sharon supervises Janet's work.



Gilbert has fun at dance.



Even Miss Wilkey enjoyed the Snatch Breakfast.



The auction sale!



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS are from left to right, kneeling, Javier Garcia-Parliamentarian, Alfonso Aguilar-Sergeant-at-arms. Standing: Rosemary Karle-Reporter, Irma Lopez-Corresponding Secretary, H.B. Rogers-President, Patti Clifford-Vice-President, Arcelia Flores-Recording Secretary, and Gilbert Dominguez-Treasurer.

SENIORS



H. B. ROGERS

Senior President; American Legion Award; Salutatorian; Boys' State; Best-All-Around; Football; Track; Basketball; Baseball; Tennis; M-Association Secretary - Treasurer; N.H.S. Treasurer; Elks' Valuable Student Award; Junior President; Bengal Sports Editor; V. 3. I's; Student Council.



GILBERT DOMINGUEZ

Senior Treasurer; Junior Treasurer; Student Council President; Boys' State; B. S. C.; F. T. A.; Most Popular Boy; Choir.



PATTI CLIFFORD

Senior Vice-President; Bengal Editor; VHSPC President; N. H. S.; Student Council; Y-Teen Secretary; F. H. A. Reporter; Tiger; Z. E. S.; Thespian scribe; V. 3. I's; National Poetry Anthology winner.



ARCELIA FLORES

Senior Secretary; F. H. A. Secretary; Tiger; B. S. C. Vice-President; F. T. A. President; Bengal; Student Council Vice-President; Sophomore Secretary; Choir; Carnival Queen Candidate.



IRMA LOPEZ

Senior Corresponding Secretary; Y-Teens; Z. E. S.; N. H. S.; F. H. A. President; F. T. A.; B. S. C. Secretary; Student Council; Volleyball; Bengal.

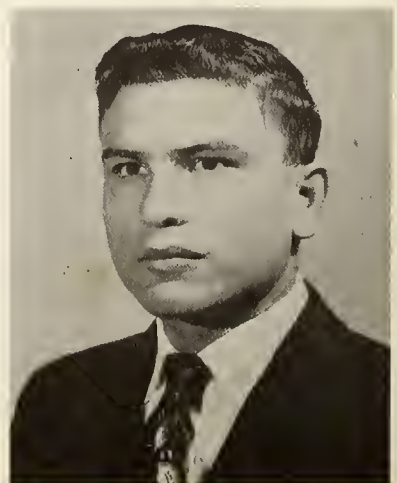
JAVIER GARCIA

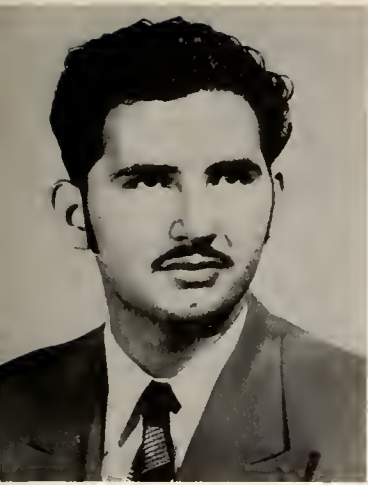
Senior Parliamentarian; Junior Parliamentarian; Sophomore Parliamentarian; Freshman Parliamentarian; Football; F. F. A.; Track; Choir Parliamentarian; Tiger; F. H. A. Sweetheart; Shopwork.

SENIORS



H. B. Rogers and Barbara Estes were elected Most Outstanding Boy and Girl in Hidalgo County by the Elk Club.





ALFONSO AGUILAR
Senior Sgt.-At-Arms; Bengal; Tiger; F.T.A. Parliamentarian; Shopwork; F.F.A. Reporter, Sec.; LaLengua Co-Editor.

KEITH BOWDEN
F.F.A. Calf Exhibitor.



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PEGGY BOWMAN
F.H.A.; Y-Teens Reporter; Pep Squad Guide; Tiger Business Manager.



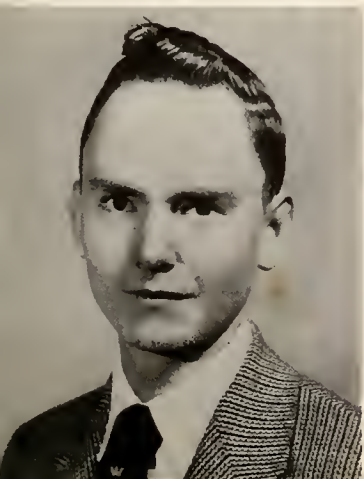
Those senior parties were a lot of fun.



PEGGY BRAVENEC
ZES Reporter; F.H.A. Song leader; F.T.A. Vice-President; Y-Teens Worship Chairman; M.H.S. Band; Majorette; All-Region Band; Bengal; American Legion Speech Award; Rotary Award; Third Honor Student; N.H.S.



CARROLL BILLINGS
V.3.I's; Tiger; Debate, First in District; Camera Club; Declamation.

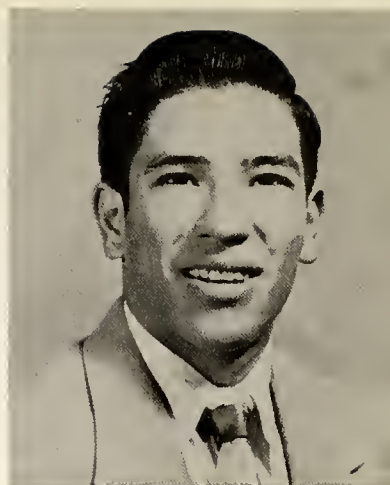


MERRY FRANCIS
"Bumpy" BROWN
ZES Treasurer; F.T.A. Sec.-Treas.; Camera Club Pres.; Y-Teens Treas.; F.H.A.; MAG; Thespians; N.H.S.; Girls' Sports Editor of Bengal; Tiger Co-Editor; Elected "Future Teacher of America."





JAMES BYRN
M-Association; Football; F.F.A. Treasurer.

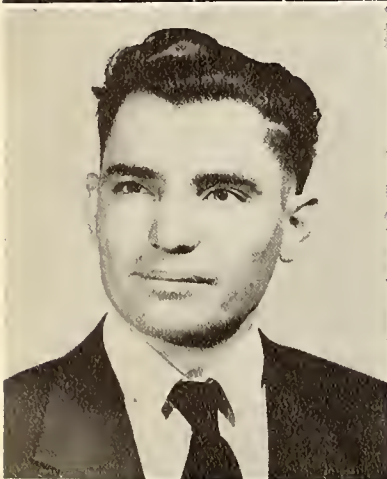


LORENZO DE HOYOS
Choir; Football.



MARGARITA CANTU
F.H.A.; F.T.A.; Choir; Thespian; Tiger.

SENIORS



DIONICIO CASARES
Camera Club



That F.H.A. snatch breakfast was really something, wasn't it Rosita, Maggie, Irma, and Martha?



SENOBIA de la CERDA
F.T.A.; F.H.A.; Better Speech Club; Volleyball; Pep Squad.

BARBARA ESTES
Valedictorian; American Legion Award; Band-8 years, Drum Major; Z.E.S. Secretary; N.H.S. Secretary; F.H.A.; Thespians; Band Sweetheart; Bengal-Business Mgr.; Most Valuable Student Award; Medical Association Award; Girls' State.





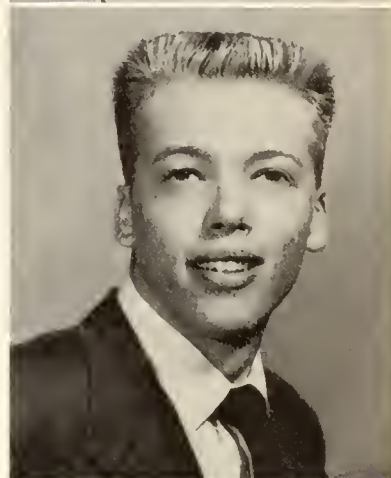
MARY ELLEN ESTES
F.H.A.; Band-8 years; Twirler; Choir;
Bengal; Senior Play.

MARTHA GARCIA
F.H.A.



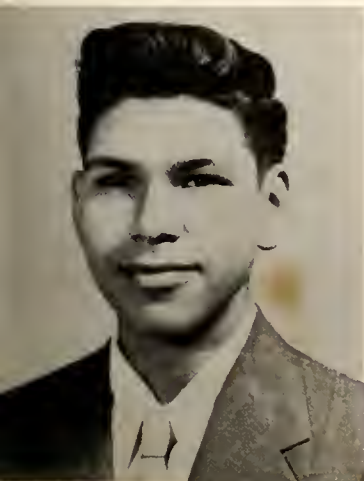
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BARTON GERMAN
Tiger; Football; Choir; Senior Play.



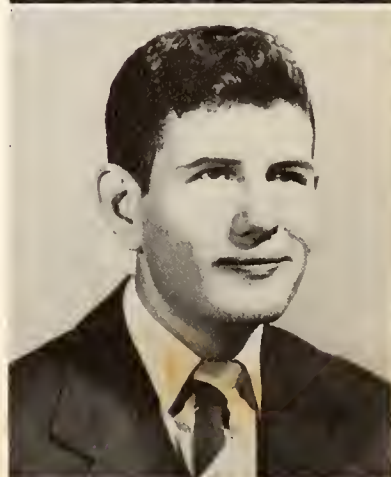
Barbara, Audra, Patti, Mary Ellen,
and Jane really learned how it felt to be a
maid during the Senior Play, Life With
Father.

AUDRA ANN GEORGE
Y-Teen President; F.H.
A. Song Leader; Y-Teen
Inter-Club Council
President; Z. E. S.; Sen-
ior Play; Pep Squad.



GUADALUPE GARCIA
Tiger; Bengal Art Editor; Better Speech
Club; Debate; Declamation; Creative Bits;
Student Council; Ready Writing.

DANIEL GONZALES
Better Speech Club; Exchange News and
Views Editor of Tiger.





DOLORES GONZALES

Choir; Pep Squad; F. H. A.; Better Speech Club; F.T.A.; Tiger.

ELOISE JOHNSTON

Best-All-Around; B.S.C. Pres.; Elks' Leadership Contest winner; DAR Citizenship Award; Student Council; ZES Vice-President; Y-Teen Pianist; F.H.A. Historian; F.T.A. Reporter; Bengal Assistant Editor; Tiger-advertising manager; Band Sweetheart; N.H.S.; Choir; Harry Rouse Memorial Award.



ALBERTO HERNANDEZ

SENIORS



JANE HOLLON

N.H.S. Pres.; F.T.A.; ZES Historian; Y-Teen Sec.; The spian Sec.; District Student Council Sec.; F. H. A. Pres.; Classroom Editor of Bengal; Girls' State; DAR History Award; Los Ebanos Award; V3I's Treas.; Debate; Senior Play; City Secretary; Tiger.



Gosh, didn't we have some pretty girls on the Senior Trip??? At least Jane, Barbara, and Eloise thought so.



EMMA JALIFI

Pep Squad; Choir; F. T.A.



BARBARA JONES

Thespians; F.H.A.; Camera Club; Y-Teens; Choir; Interscholastic League Play-Third Place; Senior Play.

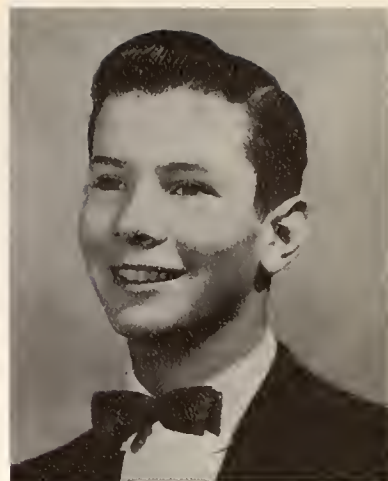


ROSEMARY KARLE

Senior Reporter; Z. E. S. President; Bengal; Tiger Reporter; F. F. A. Sweetheart; N. H. S.; Tennis Club; Choir; Senior Play; Most Popular Girl; F. H. A. Vice-President; Representative to Lantana Coronation; First Mercedes Relay Queen.

FRANK MARKHAM

Most Handsome; Debate-2nd State; Interscholastic League Play-3rd place; Senior Play; Thespians; V. 3. I's; M-Association; Tiger; Bengal; Camera Club; Football Mgr.



PATSY McCLENDON

Betty Crocker Homemaker Award; Pep Squad Secretary; Thespians; Y-Teens; Historian; Choir; Creative Bits; F. H. A. ; V. 3. I's; Tiger Co-Editor; Interscholastic League Soloist.



SENIORS



A typical scene from the Senior Play Life With Father, starring Jane, Drew, Bill, Frank, Barton, and David.

ROBERT NORIEGA

Track; M-Association; Tiger; Better Speech Club; Camera Club.



JANE MALOY

Thespian President; F. H. A. Historian; Y-Teen program chairman; Z. E. S. Historian; Student Council; Junior Secretary; Senior Play; Choir; Declamation; I. L. Spelling-First Place.

MINERVA PHILIBERT

F. H. A. Unit President.





MARY LOU PORTER
F.H.A.; Y-Teens; Pep Squad; Better Speech Club; F.T.A. Choir.

EDWARD ROMEROS
4-H; Better Speech Club; Band; Tiger F.T.A. Historian.



PATSY PORTER
Most Beautiful F.H.A.; Y-Teens; Camera Club; Vice-President Pep Squad; Tennis Club; F.F.A. Sweetheart; Cover Girl Contestant.

SENIORS



LEO RAMIREZ, JR.
Better Speech Club; Camera Club; Tiger; Basketball; Baseball; M-Association.

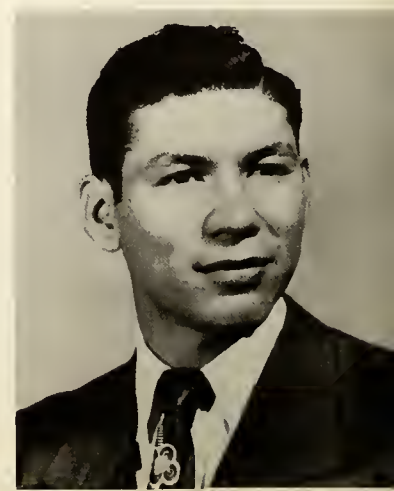


The Senior slave day gave Miss Slayton a chance to get back at Frank, Javier, Patti, Peggy, and Gilbert for all their misbehaving!



MARY RANGEL
F.H.A.; Y-Teens; Pep Squad; Better Speech Club; F.T.A. Softball; Choir.

JESUS SALINAS
Better Speech Club; Choir; Camera Club; Interscholastic League Spelling.





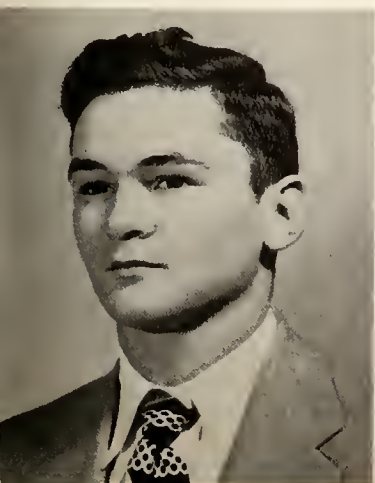
The rapids were fun at Camp Warneke.



Don't be alarmed--it is just another scene from the senior play!



Patsy McClendon is being presented the Betty Crocker Future Homemakers Award.

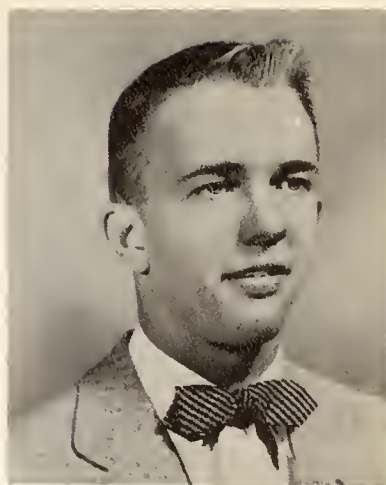


DAVID SCHWARZ

F. F. A. Chapter Conducting Team First Place at Regional; Choir; Senior Play.

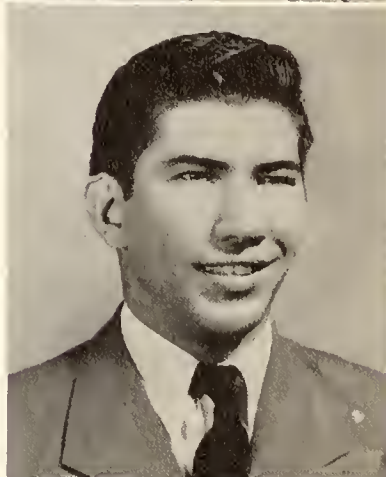
BILL VOLLMER

V. 3. I's President; N. H. S. Vice-President; Thespians; Valley Hi Quiz; Debate-2nd at State; Boys' State; Choir; Senior Play.



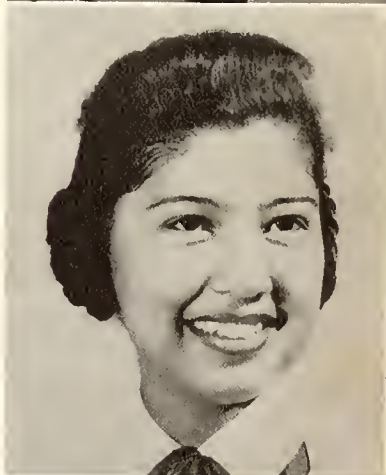
JIMMY TAYLOR

Football-'51-'53; Basketball-'52,'54; Baseball '53-'54; Track-'51-'52; M-Association-reporter; Volleyball-'53-'54; Tiger Sports Editor; Bengal; Band-'49-'51.



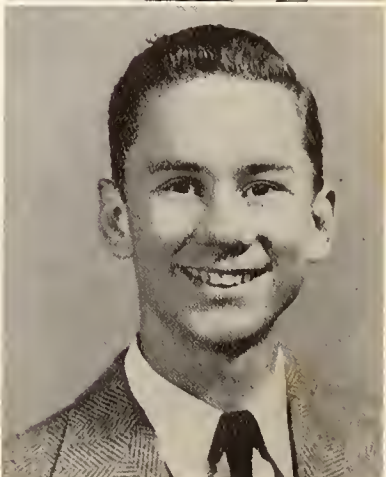
TONY VELA

Declamation-First in District, Second in Regional; Interscholastic League Play-second place; Thespians; Band; Tennis Club; Cheerleader; Choir.



TOMMIE VILLANUEVA

F. H. A.; F. T. A.; Choir; Thespians; F. F. A. Sweetheart; F. F. A. Cover Girl Contestant.

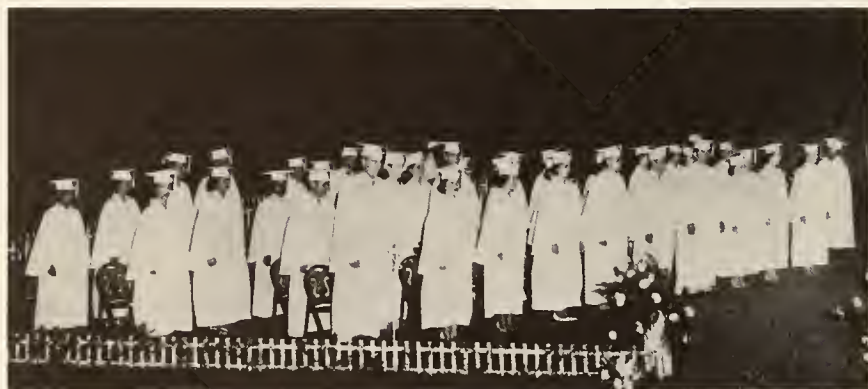




BARBARA ESTES-Valedictorian, American Legion Award, Elks Outstanding Student; 1st-Medical Essay.

H.B. ROGERS-Salutatorian, American Legion Award, Elks Outstanding Student.

PEGGY BRAVENEC-Third Honor Student, Rotary Award.



SENIOR CLASS OF 1955



ELOISE JOHNSTON-DAR Citizenship Award, Harry Rouse Memorial Award, Elks Leadership Award.



JANE HOLLON-DAR History Award, Los Ebanos Study Club Award.



Lucky Bumpy, receiving the only sweater for athletics.



To honor him, to love ...
(go on Barton.)



Barbara, don't tell such wild tales!



The water is too cold, Patti, Peggy.



Ah, that Junior-Senior!



It looks like Minerva and Daniel
enjoyed the Jr.-Sr., too.



The Senior trip was relaxing.



Installing N.H.S. Members.



Watch out, Gilbert. I don't think Clydell, Nancy, or Jane could catch you!



Miss Wilkey, Jean and Bumpy were only joking.



On the boardwalk of Atlantic City...



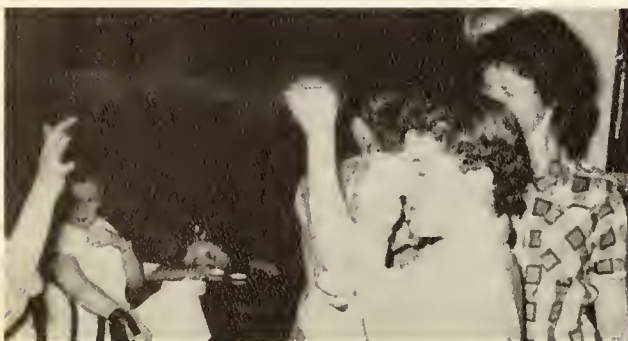
"Cousin Cora, it's so good to see you, again."



We finally caught "Woman hater" Javier holding hands with Bertha!



"I know you're a nincompoop, and I....."



Genevieve and Patsy don't look too wide awake!

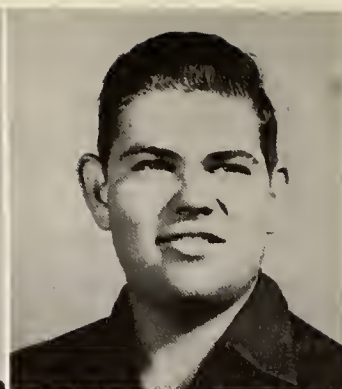
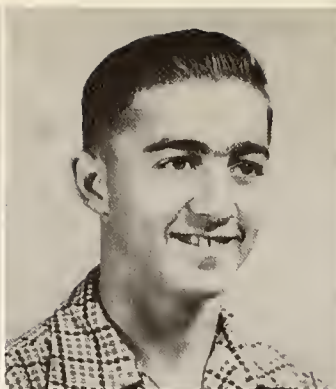


Liborio looks like he is having a good time.



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS are from left to right: Jack Williams, Parliamentarian; Martha Pinkerton, Treasurer; Raul Saucedo, President; Jean Knapp, Recording-Secretary; Joe Sanchez, Vice-President; Diana Saenz, Corresponding-Secretary. Not Shown in the above picture is Alex Solis, reporter.

JUNIORS



Bob Bray

Patsy Barter

David Barry

Larry Barnum

Carolyn Bray

Fran Bryant

J U N



Arturo Cantu

Lupita Cantu



Mario Cavazos

Carl Cayce



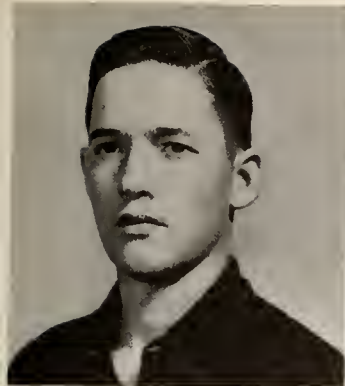
Bob Bray really looks interested in the subject.



Jack Davis

Livia Diaz

Carmella Dominguez



Bobby Frix

Freddie Garces

Elva Garcia

Livia Garcia

Mary Lou Garcia

Mary Gomez



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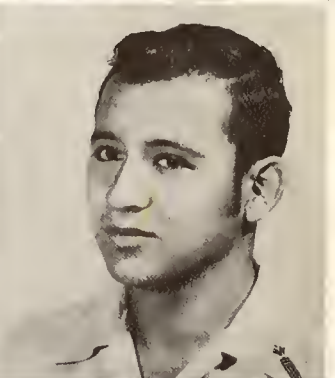
Felipe Gutierrez

Robert Heath



Liborio Hinojosa

Robert Hinojosa

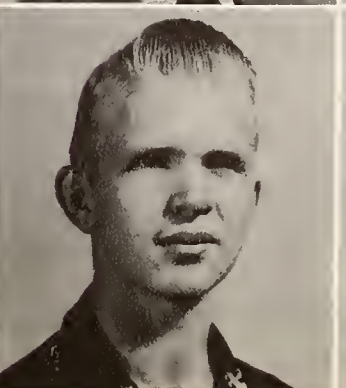


Lou Anne directs a meeting for the Future Homemakers

Maria Johnston

Walter Johnston

Jean Knapp





Lou Anne Langford

Tommy Knight

Ralph Lauder

Almira Martinez

Janet Morgan

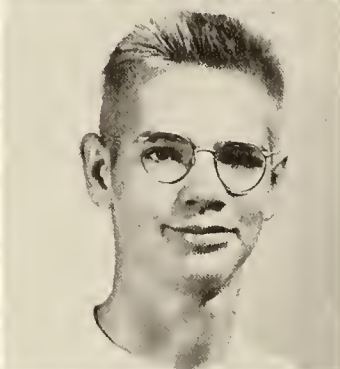
Sharon Mullins

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Max Nameth

Kermit Natho



Edward Noriega

John Norris

Martha Pinkerton

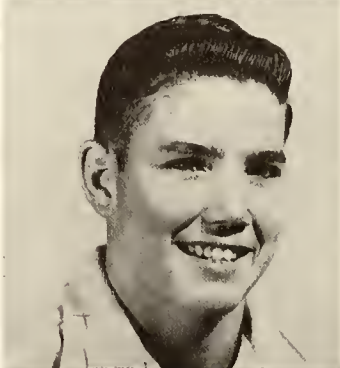
Dahlia Rodriguez

Evelyn Onderdonk



Martha warns the girls to stand back.

Ernest Onderdonk





Jane Rodriguez



Eugene Rowland



Mary Ann Rushton

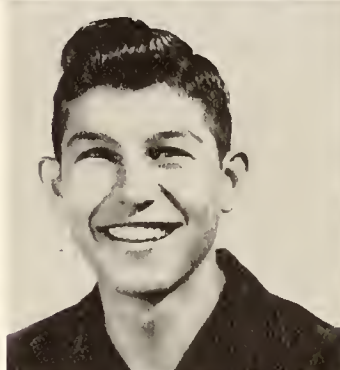


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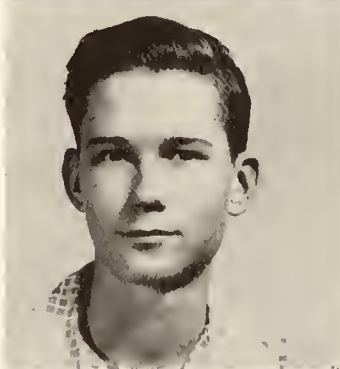
Janet Morgan's in deep thought.

Martha Starck

Sotero Villalobos

Jack Williams

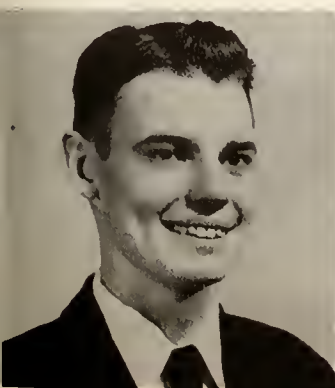
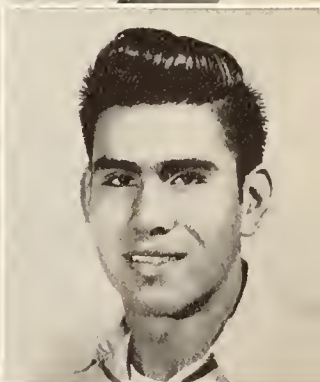
Beatriz Villarreal



Earl Worley



Joe Winston





Jean, you must wear a blindfold.



See if you can find your mother in this line, girls.



Martha Starck ran a close race for Student Council Prexy.



The dear old School Bus!



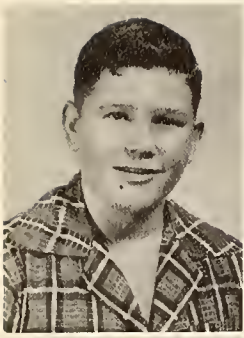
Maria Johnston, John Norris, Raul Saucedo, Israel Mata, Erle Worley, and Larry Barnum start the year off right by getting their senior rings first. Juniors turned Seniors in a day!



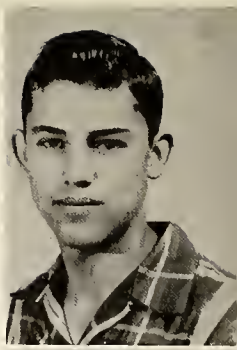
SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS are from left to right: Olga Gutierrez-treasurer, Ofelia Galvan-recording secretary, Dionicio Lorenzana-president, Bud Terry-reporter, Mildred Lawler-parliamentarian, and not shown, Nellie Saldana-vice-president.

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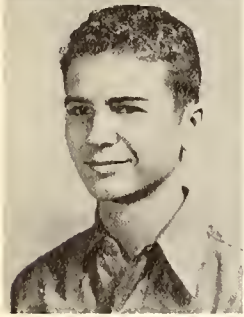
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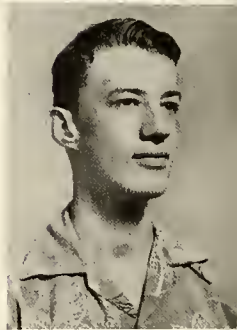
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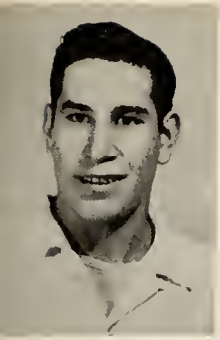


Joe Calvillo



Clydell found other attractions in Galveston besides clothes.

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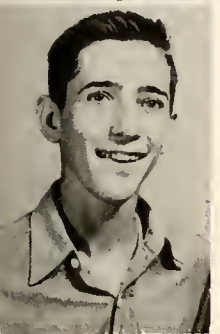
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Alan Farrar

Ofelia Galvan



Noret Flood

Yolanda Garcia



Antonia Flores

Juan Garza



Juanita Garza



Therese waiting to hear the boys sing
Good Night Ladies.

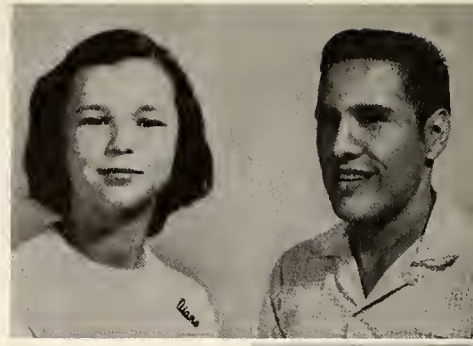
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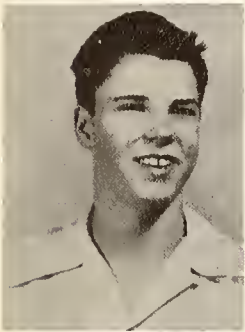
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Dora Gonzales

Evangelina Hinojosa



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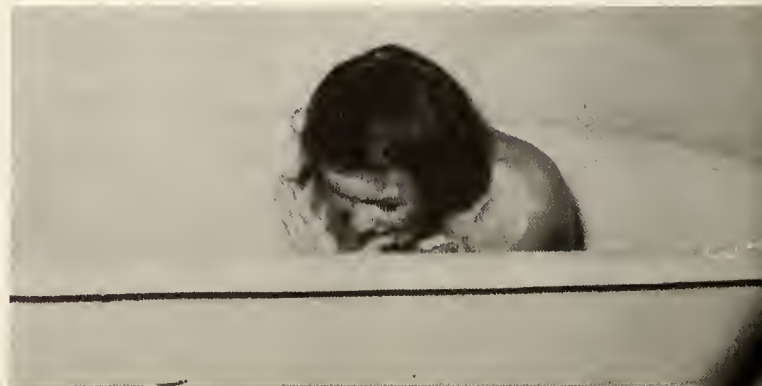


Anthadel Grantland

Veralee Klein



Olga Gutierrez



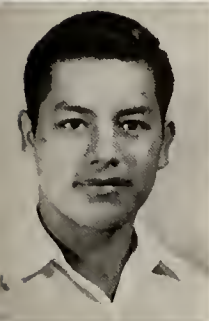
Hm! Good soap suds.

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Mildred Lawler
Evangelina Leal

Ellen McMillan



Dionisio Lorenzana

Beverly Moody



Aurora Martinez

James Muller

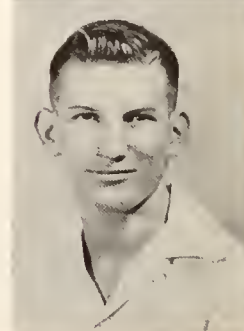


Guy McClendon

Jo Ann Nix



Florencio Perez



SOPHOMORES



Homer Pitzer



Mario Trevino



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Shirley Rickert

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Roger Van Burkleo



Dorothy Sanders

Alex Yriarte



Bud Terry



Patsy O'Shea

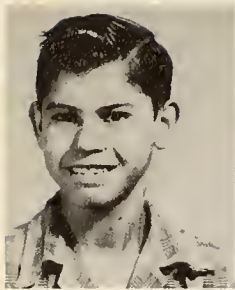


WOW! Dig those cuties.

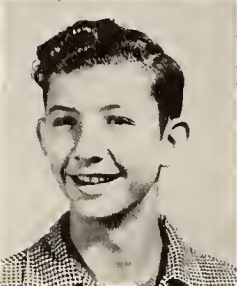


FRESHMEN CLASS OFFICERS are from left to right: Marie Watson, Vice-President; Oscar Hinojosa, President; and Bertha Hinojosa, Reporter. The officers not shown are: Lupita Cantu, Secretary; Gloria Champion, Treasurer.

FRESHMEN



Noe Acosta
Nancy Archer
Hilario Anzaldua
Elizibeth Armendariz



Linda Atteberry
Gayle Avant
Edwin Bates
Camille Barry



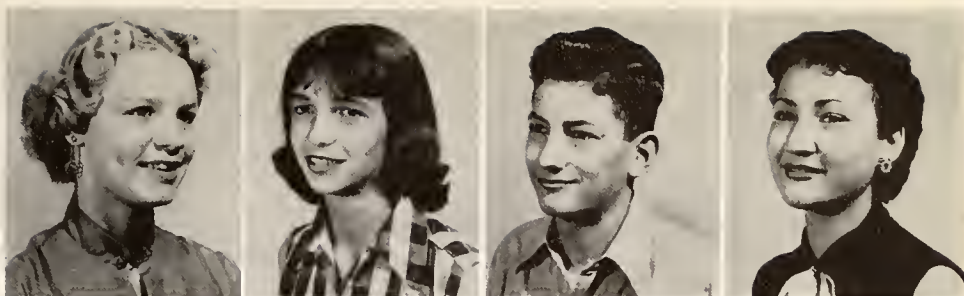
Those boys in the Freshman Quartet can really sing!

Eddie Lee Billings
Velma Billings
Joy Brothers
Patsy Buschow

Lupita Cantu
Victor Cantu
Rose Marie Caso
Maria Castillo
Gloria Champion



Deanne Dannenburg
Sharon Dodson
Johnny Dominguez
Estella Elizondo



Abiel Flores
Hilda Garcia
Alfonso Gonzales
Billy Haddox



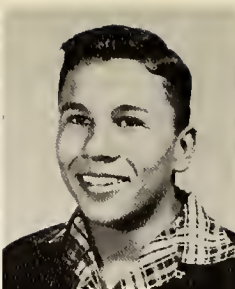
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Bonnie Heggen
Berta Hinojosa



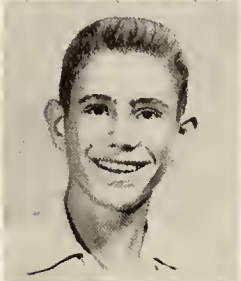
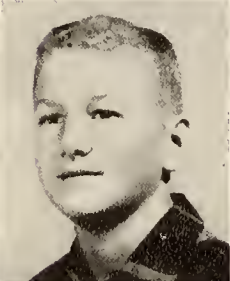
Oscar Hinojosa
Clydell Hollon
Robert Johnston
David Jones
Barbara Karle

The Freshmen Play Cast takes time out
for a "breather."





Benjie Karle
Ofelia Leal
Alan Leonard
Lupe Lopez



Thelma Lucas
Mike McArthur
Edwin Markham
Martha Mata



How do you like getting up so early in the morning?

Lee Ross Puckett
Sandra Purl
Chestine Rowland
Candy Saenz



Rosa Saucedo
Mary Lou Uresti
Edna Watkins
Marie Watson





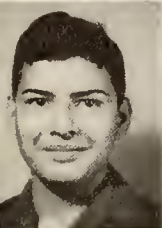
THE JUNIOR HIGH HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVES are from left to right, front row: Harold Natho, Ronnie Massey, Juan Saldana, Rollando Gonzales, Darrell Whitlock, Maria Rivera. Back row: Arturo Cisneros, Belinda Gonzales, Rosemary Saenz, and Josephine Cintron.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



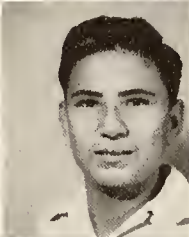
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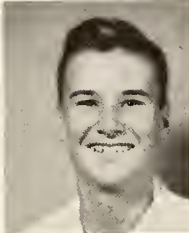
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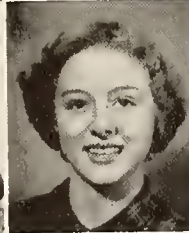
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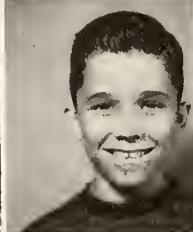
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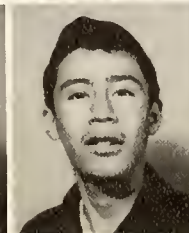
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Jesse
Brothers

Buster
Brown

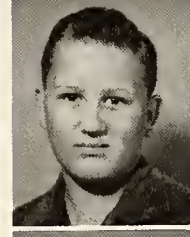


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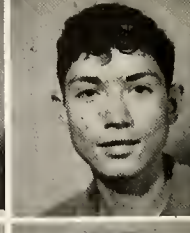


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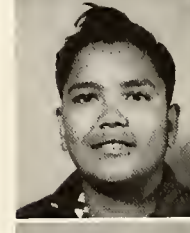
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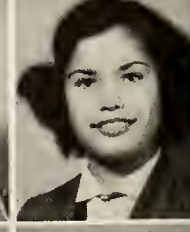
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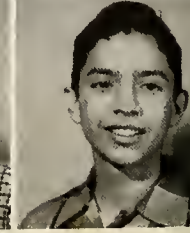
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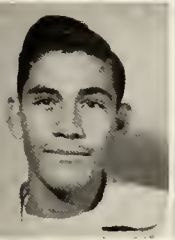
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Caso



Adan
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Adelida
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Carolyn
Cernosek



Stanley
Cernosek

Ramon
Chapa



Josie
Cintron

Arturo
Cisneros



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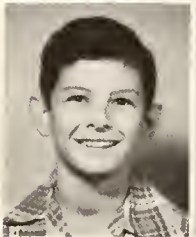
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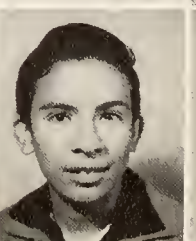
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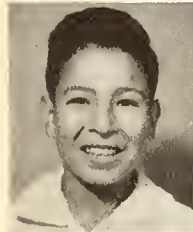
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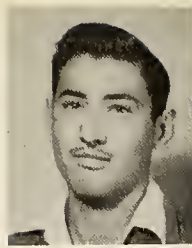
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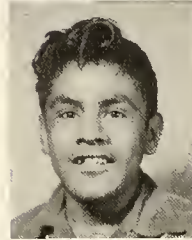
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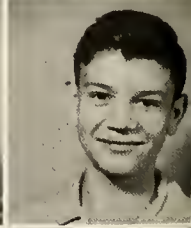
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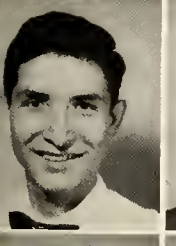
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Rosaura
Hernandez



Victoria
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Mary Linda
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Charlie
Howell

Emelia
Huizar

Diana
Islas

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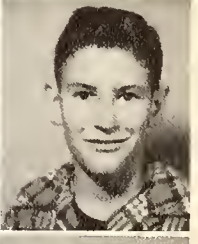
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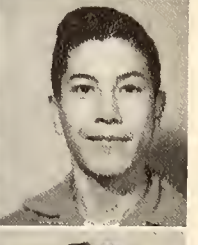
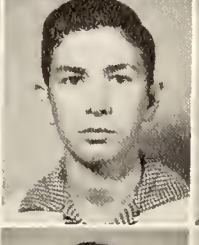
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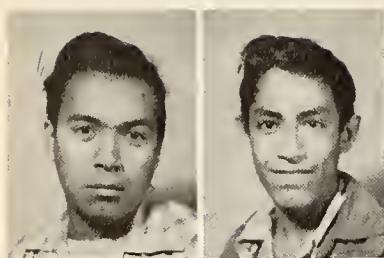


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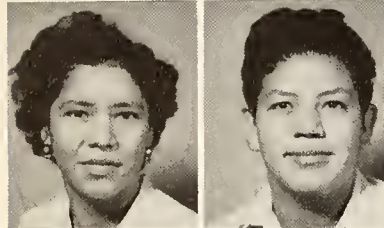
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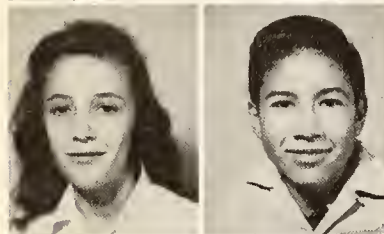
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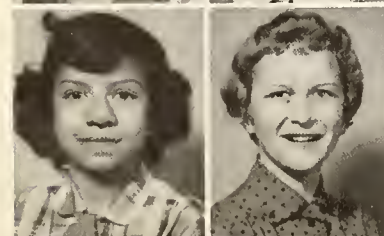
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Joe
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Albert
Medellin

Joaquin
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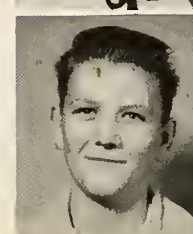
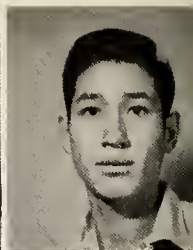
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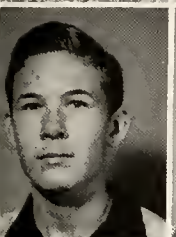




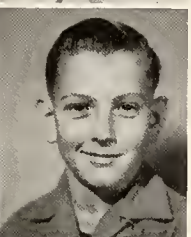
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Pembleton



Dora
Pena



Antonia
Perez



Narciso
Polanco



Odila
Perez



Marcus
Perez



Julia
Prado



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Kay
Purcell

Patsy
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Rolland
Saenz

Rose Mary
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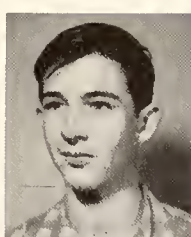
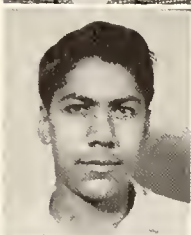
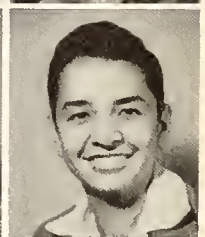
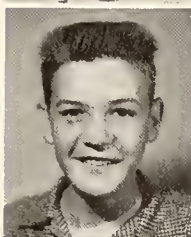
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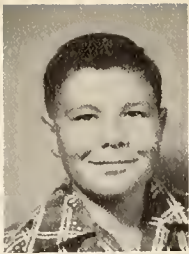
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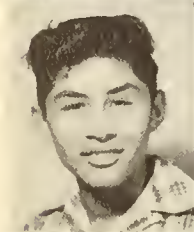
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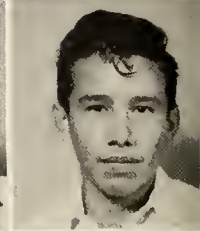
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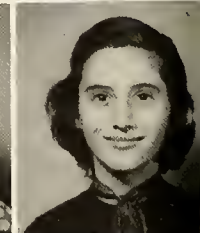
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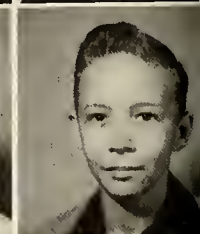
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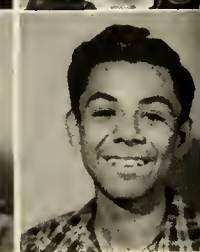
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Ruth
Ybarra

Joe
Zavala





SPOTLIGHT CONTEST FAVORITE CONTEST WINNERS are: Most Handsome Boy, Frank Markham; Most Beautiful Girl, Jean Knapp; Best-All-Around, H.B. Rogers; Best-All-Around, Eloise Johnston; and Most Popular Girl and Boy, Rosemary Karle and Gilbert H. Dominguez.

FAVORITES



BEST ALL-AROUND BOY

H.B. ROGERS



ELOISE JOHNSTON

BEST ALL-AROUND GIRL



GILBERT DOMINGUEZ

MOST POPULAR BOY



ROSEMARY KARLE

MOST POPULAR GIRL



JEAN KNAPP

MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL



FRANK MARKHAM

MOST HANDSOME BOY



JOANNA FRIX
Best All-Around Girl



CHARLENE TRAYLOR
Most Popular Girl



ANN WATSON
Most Beautiful

JUNIOR HIGH FAVORITES

Best All-Around Boy
ARTURO CISNEROS

Most Popular Boy
MARK CLIFFORD

Most Handsome
GUADALUPE URESTI





MHS CLUB PRESIDENTS INCLUDE Eloise Johnston-Better Speech Club, Bud Terry-M-Association, Bill Vollmer-V. 3. I's, Gilbert Dominguez-Student Council, Patti Clifford-Bengal, Arcelia Flores-FTA, Jean Knapp-Choir, Bumpy Brown-Tiger. SEATED: Jane Maloy-Thespians, Audra George-Y-Teens, Irma Lopez-FHA, and Rosemary Karle-ZES.

ORGANIZATIONS

THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



JANE HOLLON
President



MISS WHATLEY
Sponsor

The Installation of the first member of the National Honor Society in Mercedes (Our first year to have the Honor Society) was an exciting event.



STANDING: H.B. Rogers, Bumpy Brown, Barbara Estes, Peggy Bravenec, Martha Pinkerton, Irma Lopez, Martha Starck, Mildred Lawler, Bud Terry, Bill Vollmer, Miss Whatley. SEATED: Lou Anne Langford, Fran Bryant, Patti Clifford, Rosemary Karle, Mary Ann Rushton, Jane Hollon, Jean Knapp, Therese Cernosek, Beverly Moody, and Eloise Johnston.



ARCELIA FLORES
President

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA

The Lucile Parrish Chapter of the Future Teacher's of America was founded in 1954. The members of the club had a busy year teaching classes in the absence of sick teachers. Their project for the year was selling MHS book covers.



OFFICERS: President-Arcelia Flores, Treasurer-Bumpy Brown, Song Leaders-Mary Rangel and Eloise Johnston, Sponsor-Mrs. Parrish, Vice-President-Peggy Bravenec, Historian-Edward Romero, Parliamentarian-Alfonso Aguilar.



STANDING: Senobia dela Cerda, Edward Romero, Emma Jalifi, Gilbert Dominguez, Jane Hollon, Bumpy Brown, Patti Clifford, Mary Rangel, Walter Johnston, Peggy Bravenec, Arcelia Flores, Alfonso Aguilar, Mrs. Parrish. SEATED: Marguarita Cantu, Dolores Gonzales, Eloise Johnston, Mary L. Porter, Irma Lopez, and Tommie Villanueva.



PATTI CLIFFORD
Editor



Jane Hollon, Miss Wilkey, Bumpy Brown, and Patti Clifford are off to Denton to a Press Convention. (Lou Anne Langford is not pictured). Remember Zavala Girls?

BENGAL



MISS WILKEY
Sponsor



Irma Lopez-assistant organization manager, Miss Wilkey-sponsor, Patti Clifford-editor, Jean Knapp-assistant organization manager, and Lou Anne Langford-assistant business manager study last year's annual for ideas.

CLASSROOMS

Beverly Moody
Rosemary Karle
Therese Cernosek
Jane Hollon



BOYS' SPORTS-Albert Russell, H.B. Rogers, and
Frank Markham. GIRLS' SPORTS-Bumpy Brown



BUSINESS MANAGERS

Barbara Estes
Mildred Lawler

ART

Mary Ann Rushton
Lupe Garcia



BUMPY BROWN
Co-Editor



PATSY McCLENDON
Co-Editor

TIGER



News Editor. ALFONSO AGUILAR
Co-Editor PAT McCLENDON
Sports Editor RALPH LAUDER
Co-Editor BUMPY BROWN
Sponsor MISS WILKEY

STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT:
Arcelia Flores, Eloise Johnston, Daniel Gonzales, Edward Noriega, Lupe Garcia, Leo Ramirez, Javier Garcia, Barbara Estes, Fran Bryant, Frank Markham, Dolores Gonzales, Robert Noriega, Margarita Cantu, Juan Garza, Edward Romero, Rosemary Karle, Patti Clifford, and Jane Hollon.



BETTER SPEECH CLUB



ELOISE JOHNSTON
President



MRS. EDDIE McNAIL
Sponsor



Johnston, President; McNail, Sponsor; Lopez, Secretary; Flores, Vice-President; Rangel, Treasurer; Garcia, Reporter; Noreiga, Parliamentarian.



Gilbert Dominguez takes active part in one of the Better Speech Club meetings.

F.H.A.



MRS. HAMILTON
Sponsor



IRMA LOPEZ
President



MRS. BOWE
Sponsor



Tommie Knight-historian, Mildred Lawler-treasurer, Patti Clifford-reporter, Rosemary Karle-1st vice-president, Mrs. Hamilton-sponsor, Peggy Bravenec-3rd vice-president, Jane Hollon-pianist, Bud Terry and Javier Garcia-sweethearts, Irma Lopez-president, Ofelia Galvan-historian, Arcelia Flores-secretary, Beverly Moody-parliamentarian, Therese Cernosek.



Aldape, Archer, Armendarces, Atteberry, M. Avila, R. Avila, Barry, Barter, Billings, Bocanegra, Bowman, Bowden, Bravenec, Bray, Brothers, B. Brown, N. Brown, Bryant, Buschow, Cano, B. Cantu, L. Cantu, M. Cantu, M. Cantu, Castillo, S. de la Cerda, S. de la Cerda, Cernosek, G. Champion, Y. Champion, Clifford, Dannerberg, Dear, Dodson, Dominguez, B. Estes, M. Estes, Elizondo, Flandes, R. Flores, E. Flores, A. Flores, E. Galvan.

F.H.A.

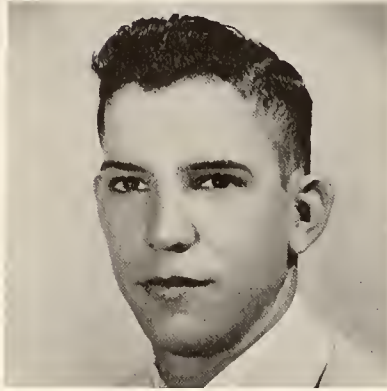
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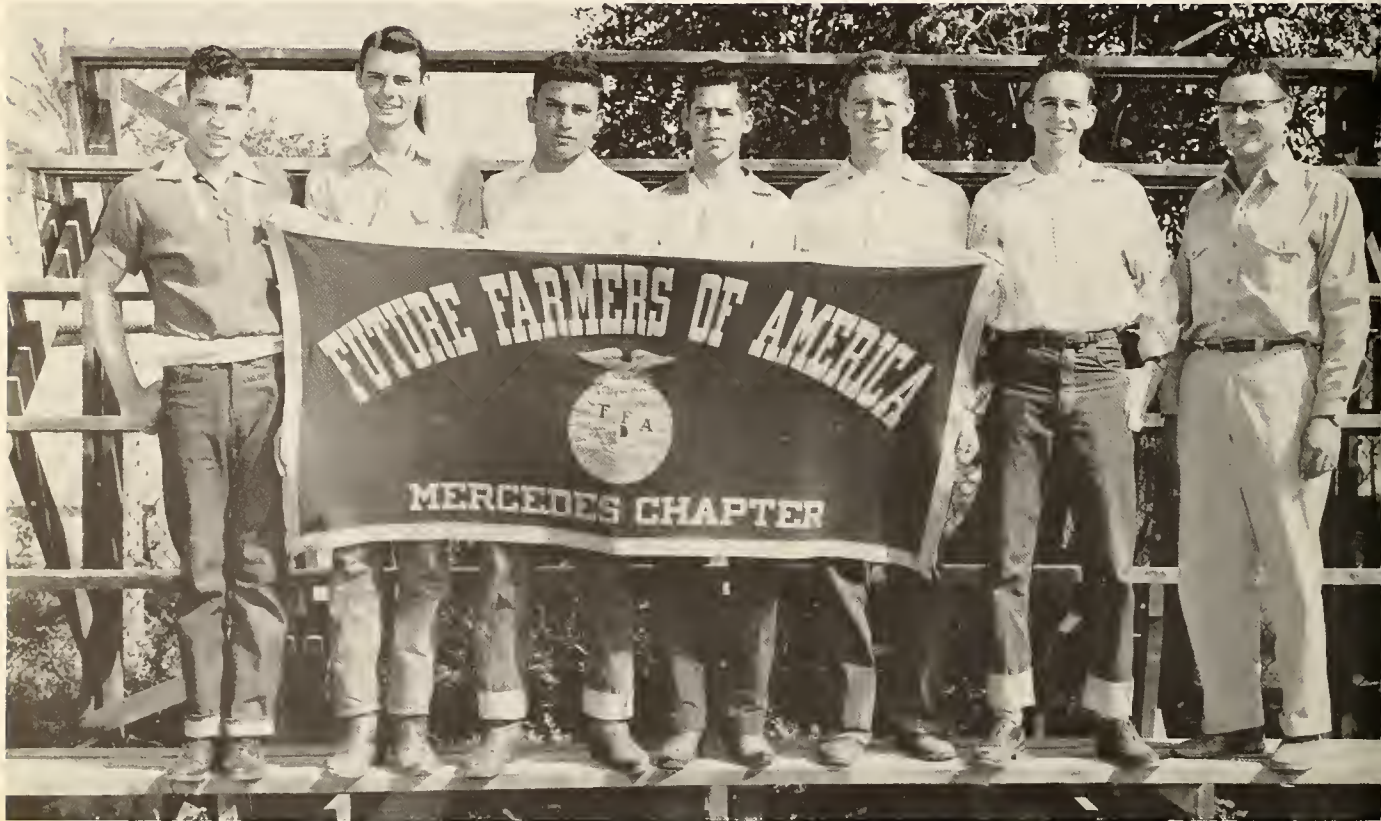
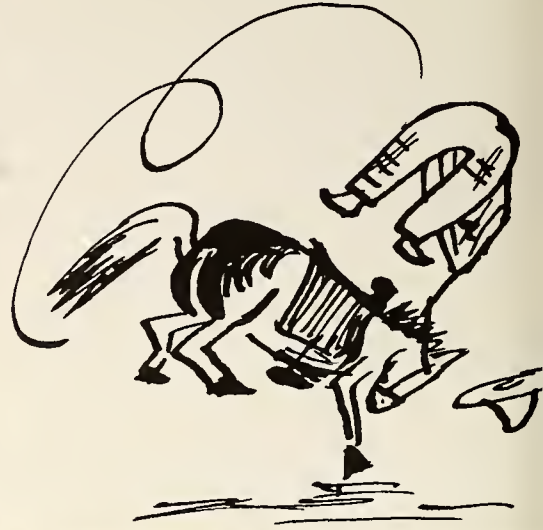
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



MR. DOLLERY
Sponsor



LIBORIO HINOJOSA
President



LEFT TO RIGHT: Liborio Hinojosa-president, Erle Worley-vice-president, Bud Terry-secretary, Mr. Dollery-sponsor, Javier Garcia-sentinel, James Byrn-treasurer, the officers of the Future Farmers of America.

The Future Farmers have had a very successful year filled with interest and enthusiasm.



Erle Worley and Liborio Hinojosa help the Sweethearts, Mary Ann and Tommie, with jackets.



Israel Mata, Frankie Rivera, Ruben Hinojosa and Liborio Hinojosa smile over their first place banner.



FIRST ROW: Keith Bowden, David Champion, Bud Terry, Javier Garcia, Erle Worley, Mary Ann Rushon, Tommie Villanueva, Liborio Hinojosa, Robert Heath, Red Byrn, Lauro Saldana, Mr. Dollery, Hilario Anzaldua, James Muller, Joe de Leon, Bill Ray, Victor Cantu, Ruben Hinojosa, Frank Castaneda, Tom Miller, Lynn Mitchell, Albert Mendez, Richard Reger, Alberto Hernandez, Victor Rangel, Roger Van Vurkleo, Joe Fernandez, Alfonso Aguilar, Eluterio Rodriguez, Alfredo Falcon. Jack Williams, Bob Bray, Eugene Rowland, Mario Salinas, Frankie Rivera, Israel Mata, Richard Sledge, Pete Dunn, Manuel Saldivar, John Dominguez, Jim Norris, Benjie Karle, Jesus Garcia, Ernest Onderdonk, Dennis Fade, Dionisio Lorenzana, and Louis Powell.



JANE MALOY
President

THESPIANS



OFFICERS: Mary Ann Rushton-treasurer, Miss Slayton-sponsor, Patti Clifford-scribe, Jean Knapp vice-president, Jane Maloy-president, Jane Hollon-secretary.



STANDING: Alan Leonard, Lee Ross Puckett, and Jack Williams. SEATED: Mike McArthur, Frank Markham, Joe Winston, Bill Vollmer, Louis Powell, Patsy McClendon, Therese Cernosek, Miss Slayton-Sponsor, Tommie Villanueva, Margarita Cantu, Bumpy Brown, Barbara Estes, Marie Watson, Bill Ray, Nancy Archer, Jane Maloy-President, Jane Hollon. IN ACTION: Drew Shankle, Tony Vela, Barbara Jones and Jean Knapp.

Lou Anne Langford and Jean Knapp, members of the troupe sit in the audience and watch for a change.



Jane Hollon, Mildred Lawler, and Barbara Estes perform at a Tea.

Marie Watson, Joe Fernandez, Lee Ross Puckett, and Barbara Karle form a play cast.



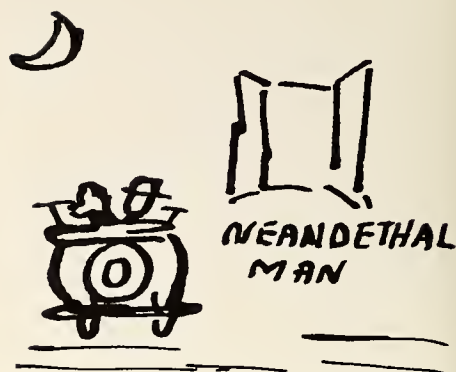


AUDRA ANN GEORGE
President



MISS DEAN
Sponsor

Y-TEENS



STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Audra Ann George-president, Jane Hollon-recording secretary, Bumpy Brown-treasurer, Jean Knapp-song leader, Peggy Bravenec-worship chairman, Janet Morgan-historian, Tommy Knight-historian. SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT: Miss Dean-sponsor, Genevieve Huff-vice-president, Peggy Bowman-reporter, Pat McClendon-historian, Patti Clifford-corresponding secretary, Jane Maloy, Mary Ann Rushton-pianist.



Miss Dean, what did you have to eat?
Anything unusual?



Two pretty girls (Peggy and
Patsy, members of Y-Teens)
model at a tea.



Thelma Lucas, Bumpy Brown, Evelyn Onderdonk, Ashbel Saladino, Genevieve Hauff, Barbara Jones, Jean Knapp, Nancy Archer, Fran Bryant, Marie Watson, Tommy Knight, Jane Maloy, Patti Clifford, Eloise Johnston, Pat Walker, Jane Hollon, Peggy Bravenec, Janet Morgan, Sara Johnston, Janice Bowden, Kay Taylor, Peggy Bowman, Pat Porter, Mary Ann Rushton, Nancy Brown, Clydell Hollon, Miss Dean, Audra Ann George.

ZETA ETA SIGMA



ROSEMARY KARLE
President



The Z. E. S. Silver Tea was held at Mrs. Langford's home. Lou Ann Langford, Mrs. Langford, Mrs. McNail-sponsor, Rosemary Karle-president, and Mrs. Robinson-speaker, seem to be enjoying themselves.

1. Initiation of New Members
2. Installation of Officers
3. Silver Tea
4. Mums for Homemaking Game
5. Worthwhile Projects



MRS. McNAIL
Sponsor



OFFICERS ARE: Rosemary Karle-president, Mrs. McNail-sponsor, Bumpy Brown-treasurer, Jean Knapp-song leader, Eloise Johnston-program chairman, Peggy Bravenec-corresponding secretary, Barbara Estes-secretary, Jane Maloy, and Nancy Brown-historians.



Excited screams of horror greet Rosemary and Nancy as Therese puts her bare foot in the bucket of dog food.

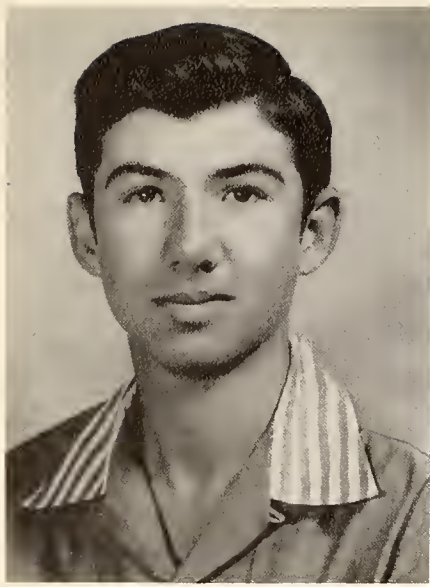


Martha enjoys a cup of punch at the annual ZES Silver Tea.



STANDING: Jane Hollon, Therese Cernosek, Evangelina Leal, Almira Martinez, Barbara Estes, Peggy Bravenec, Jane Maloy, Dahlia Rodriguez, Janet Morgan, Martha Pinkerton, Martha Starck, Irma Lopez, Sharon Mullen, Audra George, Patti Clifford. SEATED: Sponsor-Mrs. McNail, Lou Anne Langford, Mary Ann Rushton, Bumpy Brown, Nancy Brown, Fran Bryant, Jean Knapp, Janice Bowden, Eloise Johnston, and Rosemary Karle, President.

MERCEDES HIGH SCHOOL BAND



FREDDIE GARCIA
President



MR. HENRY STREETY
Director



David Barry looks on as Patsy Buschow is crowned Carnival Queen by Mr. Streety.



Barbara Estes, the Drum Major for the Band was crowned Band Sweetheart.

BAND OFFICERS

President	FREDDIE GARCIA
Vice-President	DAVID BARRY
Secretary	ELOISE JOHNSTON
Treasurer	WALTER JOHNSTON
Reporter	HOMER PITZER



Mary Estes, Camille Johnston, Rosemarie Caso, Wray Goza, Peggy Bravenec, Alan Leonard, Josephine Cintron, Eloise Johnston, Patsy Ray, John Closner, Rene Leal, Kermit Natho, Lupita Cantu, Nellie Saldana, Donnie Vollmer, Rose Starck, Linda Atteberry, Sandra Purl, Joe Calvillo, Victor Cantu, Barbara Estes, Rene Flores, Walter Johnston, Livia Diaz, Esther Rodriguez, Jesse Brothers, Stanley Cernosek, Sara de la Cerda, Sharron Dodson, Ernestina Flores, David Barry, Homer Pitzer, Jim Barry, Johnny Dominguez, Abiel Flores, Fred Barth, Tuto Gonzales, Alfredo Garcia, Joy Brothers, Charles Armstrong, Joe Murray, Tommy Thomas, Antonio Sanchez, Dan Rodriguez, Daniel Presas, Dan Cantu, Elva Garcia, Elma Diaz, Jesse Garcia, Josa Zavala, Truman Olson, Camille Barry, and Gayle Avant are the members of the Mercedes High School Band.

MERCEDES HIGH SCHOOL BAND



JEAN KNAPP
President

CHOIR



MRS. MILLER
Sponsor



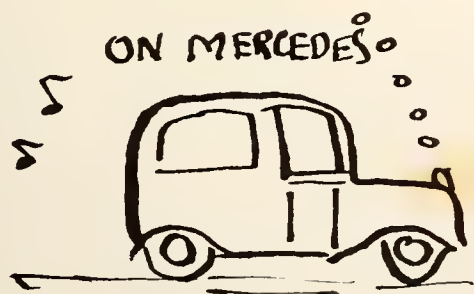
The familiar boys quartet.



SEATED: Mildred Lawler-pianist, Barbara Jones-assistant pianist. STANDING: Mary Lou Porter, Mary Rangel-sheet music managers, Martha Pinkerton-secretary-treasurer, Edward Noreiga-reporter, Ruben Hinojosa-student council representative, Oscar Hinojosa-vice-president, Javier Garcia-parliamentarian, Jean Knapp-president, Mrs. Miller-sponsor.

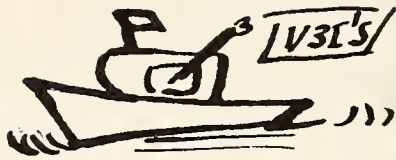


Bill Vollmer, Alex Yriarte, Ruben Hinojosa, Oscar Hinojosa, Lorenzo DeHoyos, Javier Garcia, Joe Fernandez, Guadalupe Arguelles, Robert Hinojosa, Barton German, Jesus Salinas, Edward Noriega, Rosemary Karle, Jean Knapp, Margarita Cantu, Emma Jalifi, Mary Rangel, Evengelina Hinojosa, Jane Rodriguez, Dahlia Rodriguez, Livia Garcia, Martha Pinkerton, Carolyn Bray, Sharon Mullen, Gloria Champion, Barbara Jones, Patsy McClendon, Audra George, Tommie Villanueva, Dora Gonzales, Mary Cantu, Almira Martinez, Mary Lou Porter, Evangelina Leal, Juanita Garza, Mary Pura Garcia, Chestine Rowland, Jane Maloy, Dolores Gonzales.



At the F.H.A. tea, Jean Knapp, first place winner at State Choir contest, entertains with Edwin Markham.

A black and white photograph of a young man with dark hair, smiling slightly. He is wearing a white t-shirt that has a dark star on the chest. He is holding a dark-colored book or folder in front of him with both hands. The background is a plain, light color.



MISS WHATLEY
Sponsor



Miss Whitley-sponsor, H. B. Rogers, Patsy McClendon, Jane Hollon-vice-president & treasurer, Patti Clifford, Billy Vollmer-president, Frank Markham, and Barbara Estes-secretary.

THE CAMERA CLUB



MR. CIARLARIO
Sponsor



STANDING: Alex Yriarte, David Barry, Kern Ewing, Arturo Cantu, Natividad Gonzales, Lauro Saldana, John Nolen, Jesus Salinas, Bobby Johnston, Wray Goza. SEATED: Sara de la Cerda, Genevieve Hauff, Barbara Jones, Nancy Archer, Ashbel Saladino, Kay Taylor, Dora Gonzales, Clarisa Quintanilla, Martha Avila, Delia Hernandez, and Yolanda Garcia.

The Camera Club is a fairly new organization, but interest is growing in the art of photography. The Club has developed a group of camera bugs as they are called.

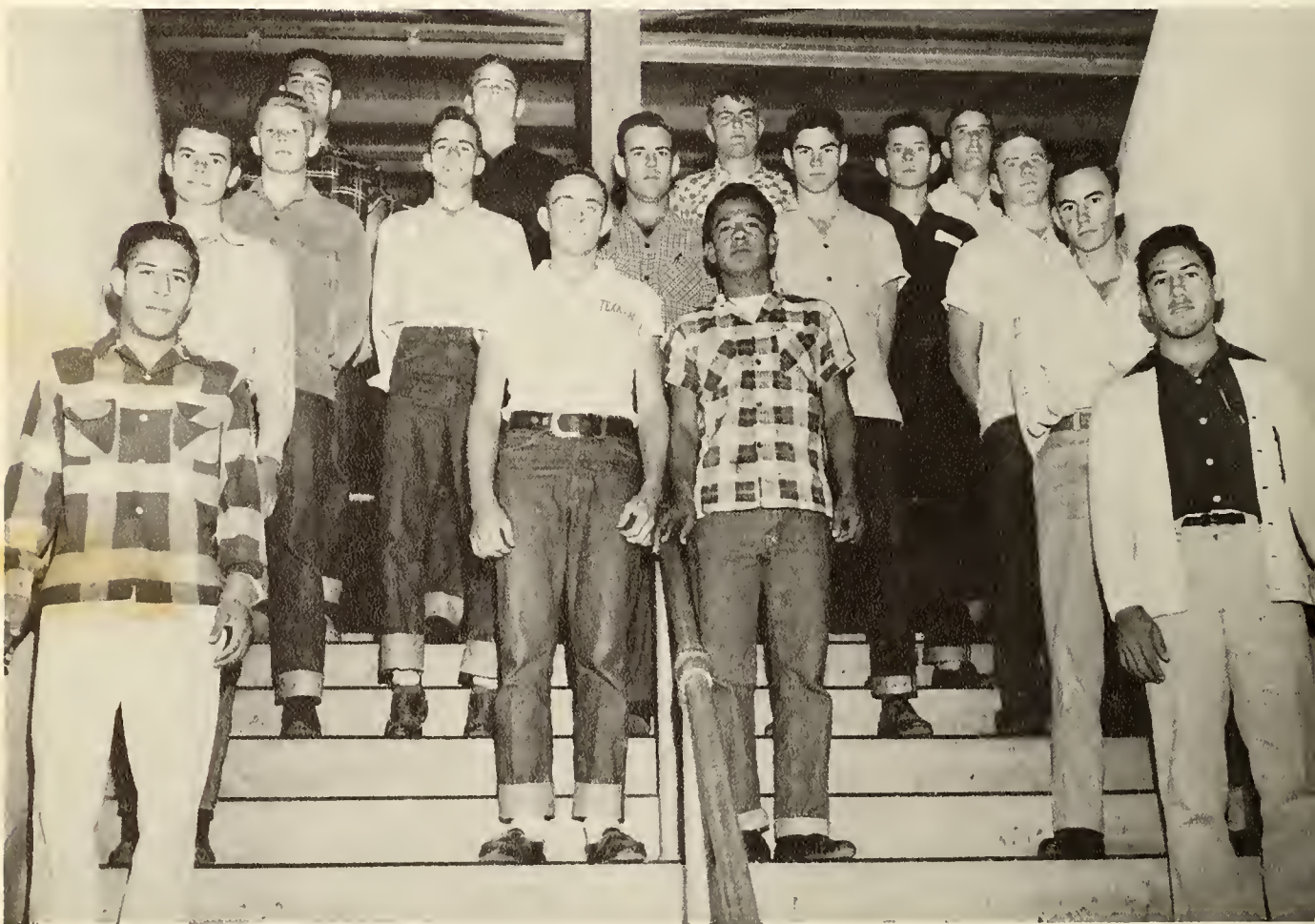


BUD TERRY
President

M-ASSOCIATION



H.B. Rogers a member of the M-Ass. for 3 years voted outstanding senior boy.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Robert Noriega, Erle Worley, Larry Barnum, H.B. Rogers, Jim Norris, Bud Terry, Bill Ray, Coach Henry, Israel Mata, Jack Williams, Albert Russell, Frank Markham, John Norris, James Byrn, Joe Winston, and Raul Saucedo form an M for Mercedes High School.



Jean Knapp



Fran Bryant

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Martha Starck

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Marie Watson

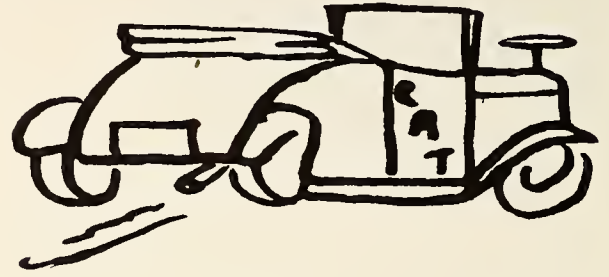
Clydell Hollon





MRS. MERLE BLANKENSHIP
Sponsor

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT COUNCIL



OFFICERS: LEFT TO RIGHT: Juan Saldana-president, Carolyn Cernosek-vice-president, Dora Sanchez, Joanna Frix-secretary, Maria Rivera, Rose Mary Saenz, Belinda Gonzales, Lucy Winston, Ronnie Massey, Josephine Cintron, Rolando Gonzales, Mrs. Blankenship-sponsor.

JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS



Margie Collier, Charlene Traylor, Ann Watson, Football Sweetheart; Joanna Frix, and Gladys Rae Traylor.



JUNIOR HIGH PEP SQUAD

Sponsored by Miss Lawhon.

JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR

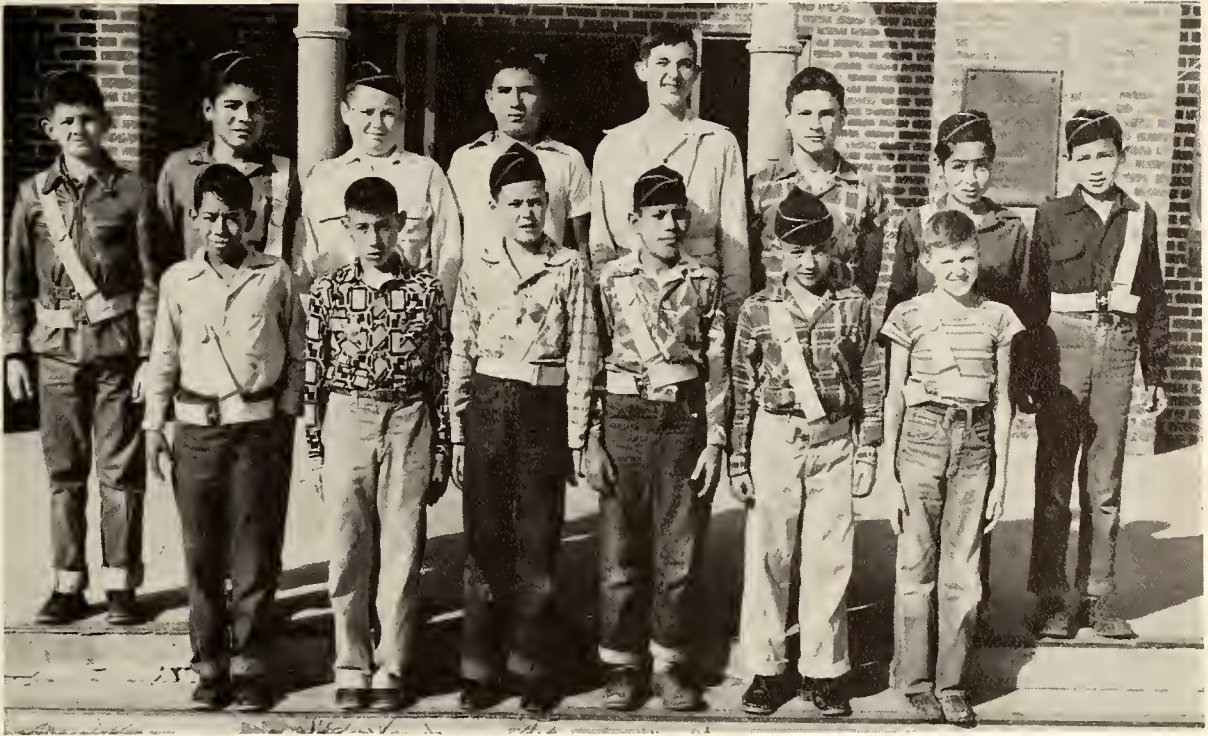


FRONT ROW: Arturo Cisneros-president, Joanna Frix-pianist, Ann Watson-vice-president, Linda Hicks. SECOND ROW: Jackie Odom-librarian, Margie Collier-secretary, Vali Sue Barnes, and Mrs. Miller-director.



JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR

JUNIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES



JUNIOR HIGH PATROL



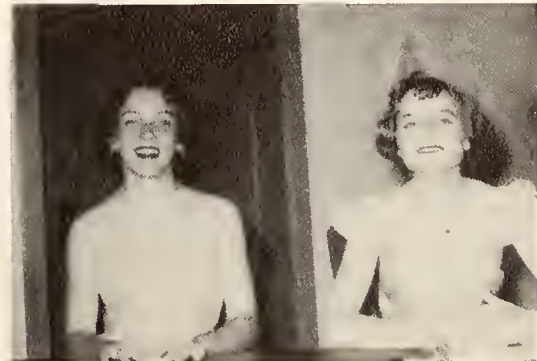
Joan Knapp, modeling dress she made in style show.



Junior High 3-Act Play "No More Homework."



Stanley is following in the footsteps of his Dad.



Those ticket-sellers were on the job.



ANN WATSON
President



Action, during a production.

JUNIOR HIGH DRAMATIC CLUB



Emelia Huizar, Roberta Harbour, Susie McArthur, and Kay Davenport are shown acting out their parts in a Junior High production.



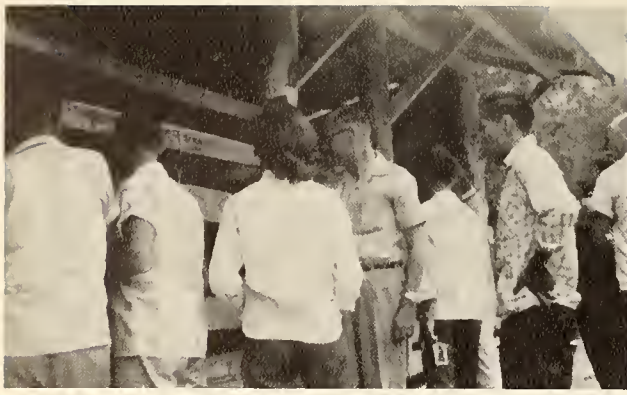
Margie and Buster help out the Junior High Dramatic Club. They are a familiar couple at Junior High.



The always busy Joanna Frix is getting ready to go again.



STANDING: Mary Alice Bango, Emelia Huizar, Marcella Byrn, Robert Gonzales, Mrs. Fullenwider, Charlene Traylor, Cassandra Haddox, Susan McArthur, Mary Ann Mullen, Kay Davenport, Roberta Harbour, Camille Johnston. SEATED: Linda Leonard, Fanny Garcia, Rose Starck, Ann Watson, Margie Collier, Gladys Traylor, Linda Hix, and Vali Sue Barnes, Dawn Viken, Joan Knapp, and Minerva Gonzales.



"We have the tamest horses in San Antonio..!"
Agrees, Mr. Cernosek!



Keith, you and Barton, don't make hogs of yourselves!



That lovely Y-Teen initiation!



Ohhh! That horseback ride!



Mr. Lang, our faithful helper and friend.



I sure would not want to be at the end of that train!



Now, boys, don't crowd!



Coaches Al Reeh, Jack Henry, and Melvin Selph

SPORTS

TIGERS



THE MERCEDES HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM: Front Row, Left to Right: J. Byrn, A. Zavala, R. Terry, R. Saucedo, J. Garcia, O. Hinijsa, F. Perez, M. Fernandez, L. Hinojosa, R. Rodriguez. Back, Coach Al Reeh, P. Dunn, A. Russell, J. Norris, H. B. Rogers, J. Williams, B. Frix, G. McClendon, J. Norris, J. Davis and Coach Jack Henry,



H.B. ROGERS
Tackle**** Co-Captain
All-District 2nd Team



JACK WILLIAMS
Center*** Co-Captain
All-District Honorable Mention



RAUL SAUCEDA
Fullback***

JOHN NORRIS
Guard**
All-District
2nd Team



LIBORIO HINOJOSA
Halfback**

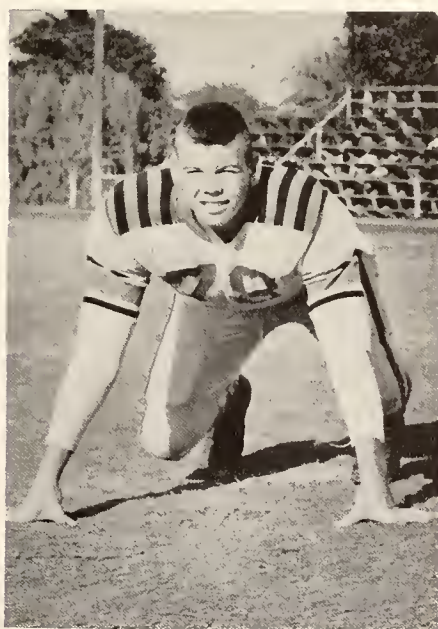


Alma Mater
Hail to Thee...



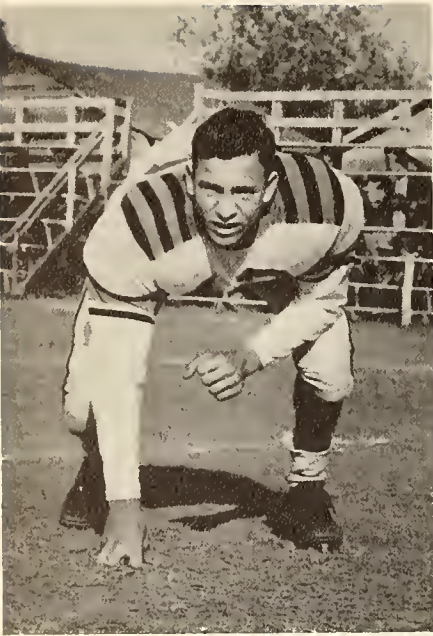
JAVIER GARCIA
Halfback**
All-District
Hon. Men.

JIM NORRIS
Tackle*
All-District
Hon. Men.



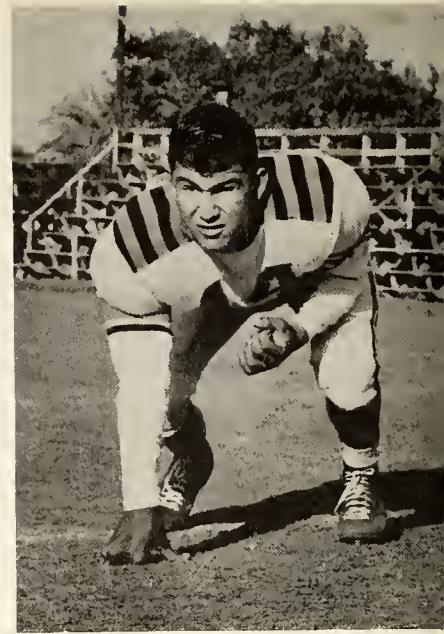
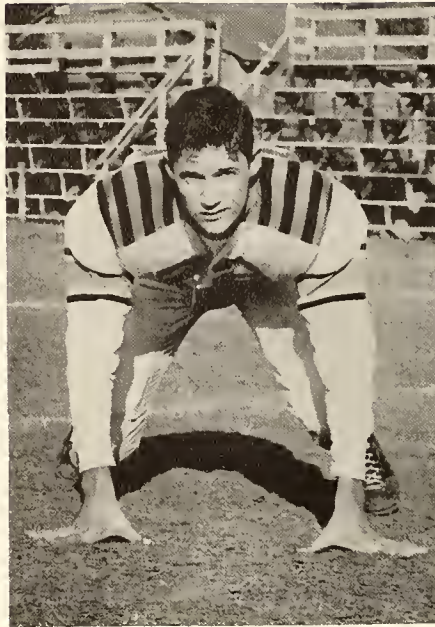
ROGER TERRY
Quarterback





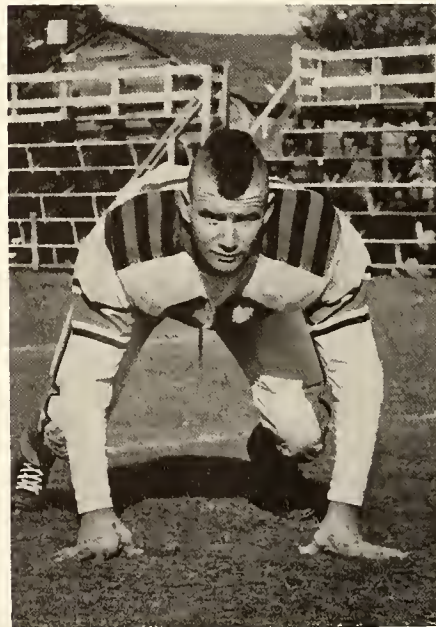
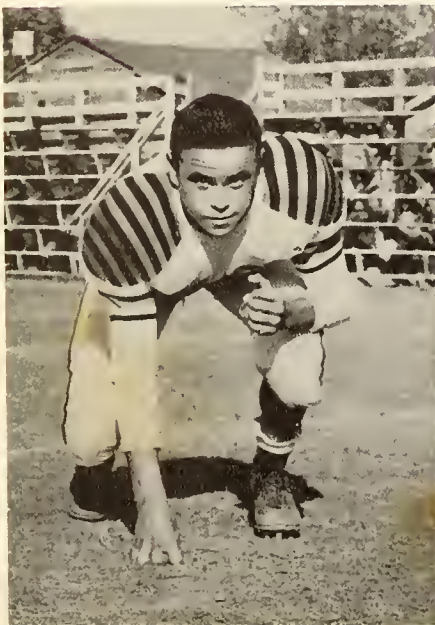
OSCAR HINOJOSA
Halfback*

BOBBY FRIX
Guard*



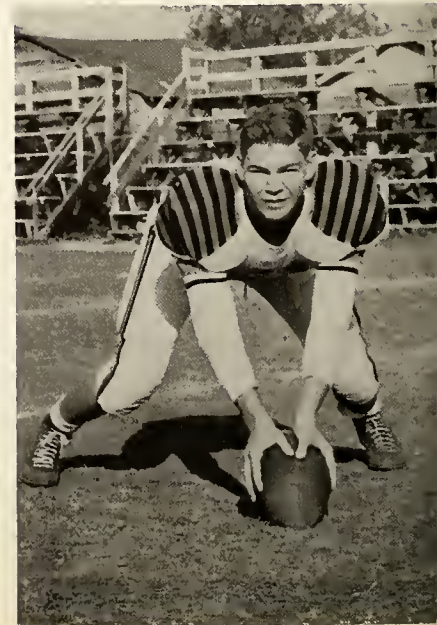
ALBERT ZAVALA
End*

ROGER RODRIGUEZ
End*



JACK DAVIS
Center*

JAMES BYRN
Guard*



Dearest In All
The Land
Here Within
The Noble Halls.....



ALBERT RUSSELL
End*

GUY McCLENDON
End

Humbly We
Stand, Loyal
Subjects We'll
Remain...



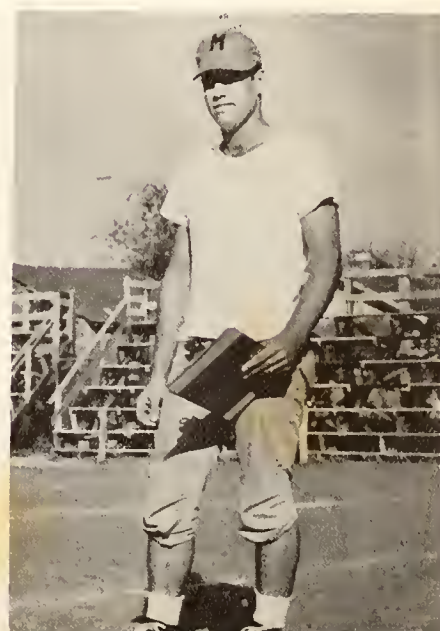
PETE DUNN
Tackle

FLORENCIO PEREZ
Halfback

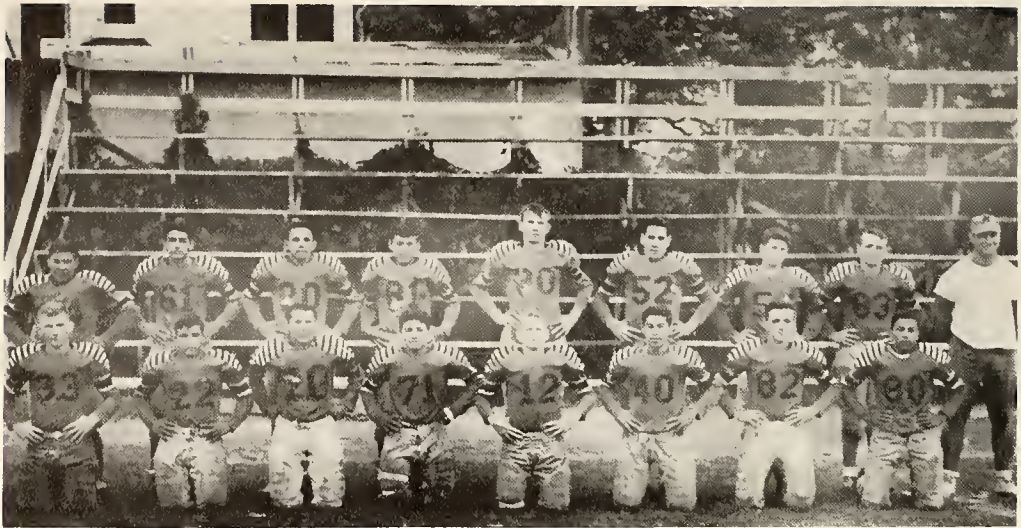


MARIO FERNANDEZ
End

JACK HENRY
Head Coach



Striving To Do What Is Right, Hail To Thee
Our Mercedes.....



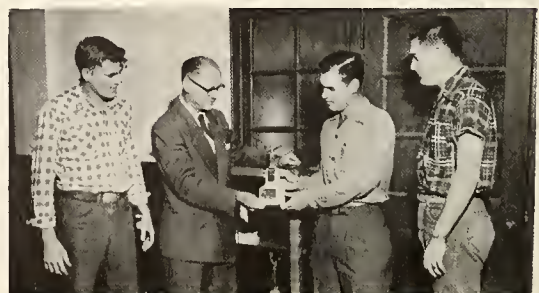
THE MERCEDES HIGH SCHOOL "B" TEAM: First Row: F. Perez, R. Torres, R. Renteria, L. Flores, M. McArthur, J. Lopez, E. Onderdonk, L. Lopez, Coach Selph. Second Row: J. Mesa, A. Solis, M. Fernandez, J. Salinas, G. McClendon, P. Dunn, R. Lander, M. Nameth.



JUNIOR HIGH: First Row: Cantu, Fonseca, Crooks, Trevino, McClendon, Brown, and Taylor. Second Row: Palacios, F. Garza, Sanders, Burns, Duncan, Brunkenhoefer, Winston, Barnum. Third Row: Cisneros, Enriquez, Lovingood, Calvillo, Clifford, Medellin, Hall, Uresti, and Coach Broughton.



Edcouch scores their lone touchdown as they defeat the Tigers 6 to 0.



Coach Henry gives the sportsmanship trophy to Mr. Cernosek, as Co-Captains Williams and Rogers look on.



Bracken of Weslaco makes a spectacular catch to break up a close first half. The Bengals threw a good scare into the Panthers before going down 25 to 0.

Where will he go? There seems to be indecision in the mind of Brown of Weslaco as he is rushed by Rogers and L. Hinojosa.

J. Garcia, O. Hinojosa, and R. Saucedo team up to stop a Yellowjacket from the front and rear.

Oscar Hinojosa sweeps end against Weslaco, Helping him get loose is Raul Saucedo by throwing a nice block into Panther linebacker Buddy Thomas.

Tigers again close in on a loose Yellowjacket.



Ann Watson was crowned Queen of the Junior High Football team.



We Salute Your



THE MERCEDES HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM: Left to Right: Jim Norris, John Norris, Jack Davis, Bud Terry, Coach Jack Henry, Ralph Lauder, Albert Zavala, Guy McClendon, and H.B. Rogers.



THE MERCEDES HIGH SCHOOL "B" TEAM: Front Left to Right: Cayce, Flood, Muller, Williams, Worley. Back: McArthur, manager; Nameth, Russell, Davenport, and Coach Mel Selph.



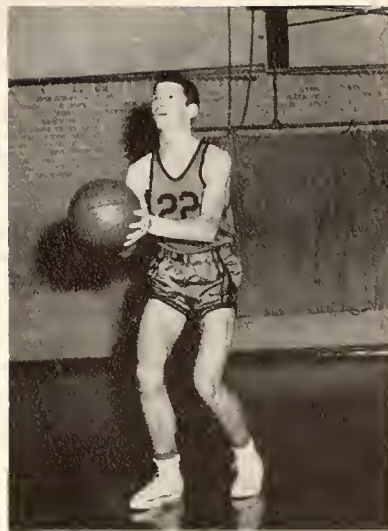
An unseen Tiger gets a rebound while interested onlookers, Lauder, Terry, and Davis seem to shudder with fright.

Davis and Rogers try for a rebound against Doan and Sales of Raymondville.

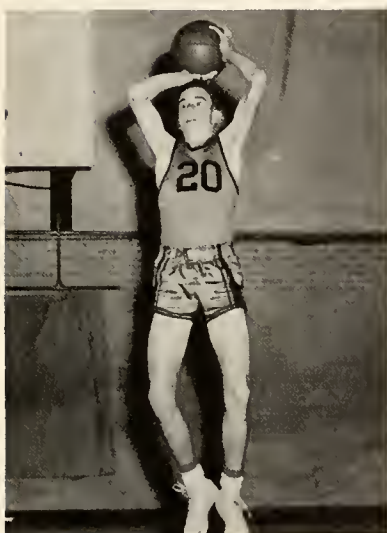




H. B. ROGERS
Forward***
Captain
All-District 2nd
Team



RALPH LAUDER
Guard*
All-District
Hon. Men.



BUD TERRY
Guard*



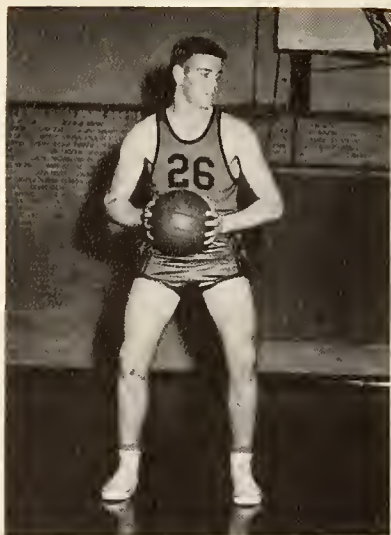
GUY McCLENDON
Center*



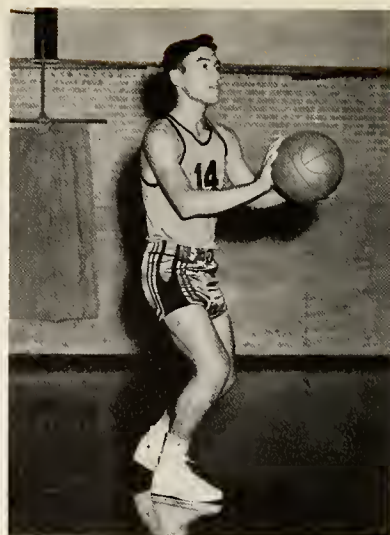
JACK DAVIS
Guard*



JOHN NORRIS
Forward*



JIM NORRIS
Center



ALBERT ZAVALA
Guard



Waiting for the ball to come down are Ralph Lauder, Guy McClendon, Jack Davis, H.B. Rogers, and Bud Terry.



Waiting for the ball to come up are Bud Terry, Guy McClendon, H.B. Rogers, and Ralph Lauder.



Promising Juniors in these pictures are Clifford (1), Brown (7), and Cisneros (with ball at right).



Colors Bright....



THE MERCEDES HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM: Left to right, front row: Coach Al Reeh, Dunn, Flood, Sledge, Norris, Rogers, O. Hinojosa, McClendon, Ray, Onderdonk, Mgr. Second row: Bates, Terry, Rodriguez, Davis, Norris, Johnston, Graf, Saucedo. Third row: Markham, Natho, Stafford, Muller, Frix, Cayce, Russell, Davenport, Jones. Fourth row: Zuniga, Lopez, Torres, Salinas, Martinez, Solis, Perez, Garcia, Zavala.



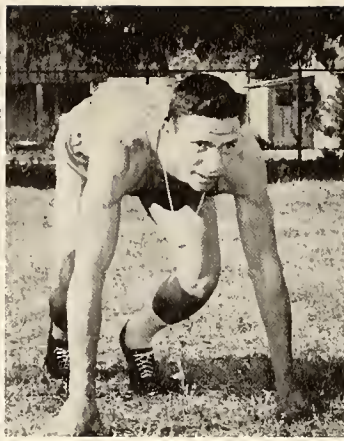
The Tiger mile relay quartet won the district meet and placed fourth in regional. This team is composed of three sophomores and a freshman, and are expected to win many races before they are separated by graduation. They are Bill Ray, Oscar Hinojosa, Bob Graf, and Bud Terry.

Below is the Tiger sprint relay team. They placed second in the Mercedes relays and fourth in district meet. It is composed of Raul Saucedo, Oscar Hinojosa, Walter Johnston, and H.B. Rogers.





H.B. ROGERS
Shot put, discus, and sprint relay. First in shot at district and regional and second in discus at district and regional.



OSCAR HINOJOSA
Low hurdles, and mile and sprint relays. Second in low hurdles at district.



BILL RAY
Quarter mile and mile relay. Third in quarter at district.



BUD TERRY
Half mile and mile relay. Third in half mile at district.



BOB GRAF
Quarter mile and mile relay.



RICHARD SLEDGE
Shot put and discus. Third in shot at district.



JOHN NORRIS
Discus. Third in discus at district.



RAUL SAUCEDA
Dashes and sprint relay.

WALTER JOHNSTON
Dashes and sprint relay.



PETE DUNN
Mile run.



GUY McCLENDON
High and low hurdles.



ROGER RODRIGUEZ
Half mile.





OUTFIELDERS: Saucedo, Cantu, Terry, Ramirez, Lauder, and Rodriguez.



INFELDERS: Allen, R. Rodriguez, Cortez, Davis, and McArthur.

BASEBALL



BATTERIES: Norris, Nameth and Saucedo.



THE MERCEDES HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM:

STANDING: Saucedo, Terry, Davis, Norris, Cantu, Rodriguez, and Selph.
KNEELING: Nameth, Ramirez, McArthur, Cortez, Allen, and Lauder.

GIRLS'



ELVA GARCIA
Guard



LIVIA DIAZ
Guard



EVELYN ONDERDONK
Guard



ESTEFANA ALDAPE
Guard



MARTHA STARCK
Guard



GENEVIEVE HAUFF
Guard

SPORTS



FRAN BRYANT
Forward



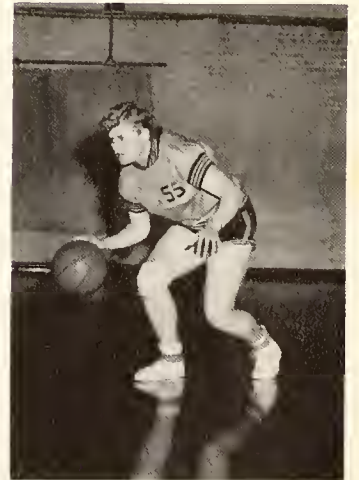
PATSY O'SHEA
Forward



MARY LOU GARCIA
Forward



ELMA DIAZ
Forward



CAROLYN BRAY
Guard



LIVIA GARCIA
Forward


FLYING TIGERS



Being patriotic and forming the school initial are "A" Team members (starting at left front and following on around) Patsy O'Shea, Fran Bryant, Mary Lou Garcia, Livia Garcia, Elva Diaz, Estefana Aldape, Elva Garcia, Evelyn Onderdonk, Martha Starck, Livia Diaz, Genevieve Hauff, and Carolyn Bray.



Managers and coach are going over scores. Left to right are Nancy Archer, Coach Wiseman, and Bumpy Brown.



"B" Team members watching the birdie are Standing: Ester Rodriguez, Yolanda Champion, Mary Lou Uresti, Martha Pinkerton, Thelma Lucas, Nancy Brown, Sandra Puckett, Ashbel Saladino. Sitting: Ofelia Galvan, Oralia Yanez, Velma Billings, Oralia Gomez, Kay Taylor, and Julia Garza.



THE MERCEDES HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS SQUAD

Posing very prettily are the tennis players consisting of **STANDING:** Martha Pinkerton, Joe Winston, Roger Van Burkleo, Walter Johnston, and Martha Starck. **KNEELING:** Patti Clifford, Fran Bryant, Patsy O'Shea, Lou Ann Langford, and Mary Anne Rushton.



A typical scene at practice is made up of **STANDING** Patsy O'Shea, Coach Wiseman, Nancy Brown **ON THE FLOOR** Evelyn Onderdonk, Genevieve Hauff, and Fran Bryant.



Bumpy Brown presents Mr. Cernosek with the first place trophy won at the La Feria Softball Tournament. Members of the team were L. Garcia, E. Garcia, M. Garcia, O. Yanez, O. Galvan, H. Garcia, A. Martinez, E. Diaz, and L. Diaz.

IN
MEMORIAM



Harry Worley

IN
MEMORIAM



Mr. Fred Johnston

